

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSOCIATION OF TOURISTS WITH AYURVEDA AND YOGA
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for associating the tourists with the disciplines of Ayurveda and Yoga; and
- (b) if so, the names of States where the said scheme is proposed to be launched?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) : In order to promote Health Tourism for those tourists who are interested in health, fitness and mental peace, the Department of Tourism has a scheme to grant Central financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for setting up Natural Health Centres such as Yoga Centres, Meditation Centres, Ayurvedic Centres or other similar centres. The financial assistance is given upto 25% of the project cost or Rs.25 lakhs whichever is less.

(b) : The financial assistance is given to those State Governments/UT Administrations who apply to the Department of Tourism for creating such facilities.